

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 147

By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the traditional school calendar.

WHEREAS, establishment of a uniform opening and closing date for Tennessee's public schools has been an issue of interest to many Tennesseans and this important matter should be carefully and exhaustively studied by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the traditional school calendar, including the possible establishment of a uniform timeframe for the opening and closing of Tennessee's public schools which would also give special consideration to those schools operating on a year-round calendar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of twelve (12) members: the chairs of the both the House and Senate Education Committees, the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee, and the House Conservation and Environment Committee, and four (4) members of the House of Representatives and four (4) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly no later than February 1, 2008, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.